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Proclamation of the President.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States at its last session enacted a law entitled "An act enacting and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," which was approved on the third day of March last; and, whereas, it is recited in said act that there now exists in the United States an insurrection and rebellion against the authority thereof, and it is, under the Constitution of the United States, the duty of the Government to suppress insurrection and rebellion, to guarantee to each State a republican form of government, and to preserve the public tranquility; and, whereas, for these high purposes a military force is indispensable, to raise and support which all persons ought willingly to contribute; and, whereas, no service can be more praiseworthy and honorable than that which is rendered for the maintenance of the Constitution and the Union, and the consequent preservation of free government, and, whereas, for the reasons thus recited, it was enacted by the said statute that all able-bodied male citizens of the United States, and persons of foreign birth who shall have declared on oath their intention to become citizens under and in pursuance of the laws thereof, between the ages of 20 to 45 years, with certain exceptions not necessary to be herein mentioned, and declared to constitute the national forces, shall be liable to perform military duty in the service of the United States when called out by the President for that purpose; and, whereas, it is claimed in behalf of persons of foreign birth, within the ages specified in said act who have heretofore declared on oath their intention to become citizens under and in pursuance of the laws of the United States, and who have not exercised the right of suffrage or any other political franchise under the laws of the United States or any of the States thereof, are not absolutely exonerated by their aforesaid declaration of intention from renouncing their purpose to become citizens, and that on the contrary such persons under treaties or the law of nations retain a right to renounce that purpose and to forego the privilege of citizenship and residence within the United States, under the obligation imposed by the aforesaid act of Congress; now, therefore, to avoid all misapprehensions concerning the liability of persons concerned to perform the service required by such enactment, and to give it full effect, I do hereby order and proclaim that no plea of alienage will be received or allowed to exempt from the obligations imposed by the aforesaid act of Congress any person of foreign birth, who shall have declared on oath his intention to become a citizen of the United States under the laws thereof, and who shall be found within the United States at any time during the continuance of the present insurrection and rebellion, after the expiration of the period of sixty days from the date of this proclamation, nor shall any such plea of alienage be allowed in favor of such person, who has as aforesaid declared intention to become a citizen of the United States, and shall have exercised at any time the right of suffrage or any other political franchise within the United States under the laws of any of the several States.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:
Wm. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

Bold Expressions in the North.

Notwithstanding the terrorism which prevails throughout the North, it seems the spirit of revolution and resistance to the tyrant still exists and occasionally carries itself in such bold outspoken terms as the following, from the Dubuque (Iowa) Gazette:

Missouri enjoys the reputation of bringing to the surface, in the shape of General Loan, a counterpart of the brute McNeil. A late order issued by him authorizes and justifies the murder of any parties or persons found in central Missouri and suspected of being guerrillas or "bushwhackers." Confederate recruiting officers or emissaries, by the first commissioned officer into whose hands they fall,

The abolitionist press demand that we shall support the administration and defend the army and its generals. Sooner than support it in such a policy, or defend so atrocious an act—sooner than withhold our opinion that Gen. Loan by this inhuman order merits no more mercy at the hands of the people of Missouri, or has any more claim upon humanity, but the privilege of being shot down in his tracks like a dog, we would tenant the vilest dungeon in the land, until such time as the American people begin to emerge from barbarism into a civilization which would compare favorably with that of Turkey. He is a murderer and those who sustain him his accessories.

We have frequent complaints from various quarters regarding the irregularity of the mails. What a pity the officials everywhere in the postal department are not "up to time." The following to the proprietor of the *Rebel* is a sample of a dozen received weekly on the same subject:

LA FAYETTE, ALA., May 8, 1863.

Mr. FRANC. M. PAUL.—Sir: Is there no way of obtaining the *Rebel* regularly? I do not doubt that it is dispatched to me from your office, yet the exception is to get the paper. Some weeks it comes twice, some three times; frequently one mail brings two numbers, but more often the missing paper never arrives.

The Postmaster of this place is not to blame. I am certain it does not reach LaFayette. The fault must be, I think, with the mail agents or postmasters between this and Chattanooga. Will not the editor give these officials the benefit of his pen? As Tennessee refugees we feel more interest in the *Rebel* than any other paper, but we have to learn through the Georgia and Alabama papers what is going on at home because the *Rebel* is detained or misplaced on the route. Hoping to be gratified by the daily sight of the *Chattanooga Rebel*. I am very respectfully yours,

S. S. S.—Augusta Constitutional.

Yankee Account of Crossing the Rappahannock.

The Washington *Chronicle* contains the following account of the crossing of the Rappahannock by the Yankee forces:

DETAILS OF THE CROSSING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, April 30.—On Monday morning at five o'clock the eleventh, Major General Howard, the fifth, Major General Meade, struck tents and marched westward on the several roads leading to Kelly's Ford, distant from the line of the Aquia Creek and Fredericksburg railroad, about twenty-five miles. The eleventh corps being in the advance, reached Kelly's Ford about 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

A brigade from this corps, commanded by Col. Buschbeck, had been guarding this ford ever since the cavalry advance about two weeks before. The position had been well reconnoitered, and hence immediate preparations were made for laying the pontoon, which, strange as it may seem to strategists who are now in the house, was not done. The Captain told him, but he was not disposed to go along peacefully, he should let the police know, and the female members of the family join their wives. The Captain told him he might as well stop the disturbance, as he had the force to arrest him, and would certainly do so.

Yallandigham then said, he was not dressed. The Captain told him he had time to dress himself, but he redressed his coat for the police to see.

An attempt was made to force the troops over.

The engineers constructed a revet at the window and fired two or three shots without effect.

A rifle shot was then forced, and the squad, fading at the window and inquired what was wanting.

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The engineer charged against Yallandigham set forth on about the first of May, at Mount Vernon, he publicly addressed a large meeting of citizens, denouncing that the present war as an injurious and unnecessary war—a war that was waged for the preservation of the Union, but for the purposes of crushing out liberty and establishing a despotism, a war for the freedom of the blacks and the enslaving of the whites; and that, if the administration had wished, this war could have been honorably terminated by the present intermission of hostilities;

that propositions by which the Southern States could be won back, and be guaranteed their rights under the Constitution, were rejected the day before the battle of Fredericksburg. He is also charged with having said that order No. 28 of General Burnside was a base usurpation of arbitrary authority, and that the sooner the people informed the millions of usurpers over it, they will not submit to such restriction the better. He declared also his purpose to defeat an attempt to build up a master, by upon the rules of our Government, and that he believed the men in power were trying to establish a despotism.

Skirmishers were deployed to the right, left and front, but the enemy were nowhere to be found. The remainder of the two regiments crossed in boats while the bridge building was pushed forward with commendable vigor. Early in the evening the eleventh corps commenced crossing, and the twelfth bivouacked on the commanding hills that surround a

few caps at the men in the boats.

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On Wednesday morning, long before the day had dawned, the tramp of feet were again heard on the floating way, and when the gray light of morning dawned upon the scene long black lines were seen projecting themselves in radier from the pontoon landing, and the plain beyond the river was soon covered with moving masses of men.

At six o'clock Gen. Stoneman's cavalry corps arrived at the bridge and commenced crossing.

Following them came the fifth corps, the twelfth having previously crossed.

The wagon train was all sent back from Kelly's Ford and parked near Banks' Ford, and to those who study the direction of straws it was evident that a connection was to be forced between the troops at Banks' Ford and those at Kelly's Ford. From eleven o'clock until one, irregular firing was heard in the direction of Germanna, on the Rapidan, and it was supposed that the enemy were endeavoring to check the rapid march of the national troops, though nothing trustworthy had yet reached us.

At 12 o'clock on Tuesday the camp of the first corps, Major General Reynolds, the third, Major General Sickles, and the sixth, Major General Sedgwick were abandoned, and the troops were put in motion. When daylight broke on Wednesday morning the national brigades had surprised, surrounded and captured the enemy's pickets and reserves, and the astonished rebels held two bridges connecting the hostile shores of the Rappahannock four miles below Fredericksburg.

At Kelly's Ford, so here there was no waiting for pontoons; everything was in readiness. So skillfully and quietly was the launching of the boats and the crossing of the men conducted that the first notice the rebel authorities had of what was going on was the approach of the boats filled with men. They fired a volley at random, which wounded some twenty men of the 11th Pennsylvania, this regiment having the advance. Col. Ellmaker was severely wounded. The success of the expedition was so complete as to prevent an alarm. The laying of the bridge, though in the face of the enemy, was, therefore, carried to completion without his knowledge.

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